



# STATE OF CONNECTICUT

## DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION



### EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY

#### ACADEMIC OFFICE

#### DIVISION OF STANDARDS, CURRICULUM, AND INSTRUCTION

#### EDUCATION CONSULTANT

#### ASSOCIATE EDUCATION CONSULTANT

**Open to:** The Public

**Location:** 165 Capitol Avenue, Hartford, CT 06106

**Hours:** 8:30 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.

**Job Posting #** #825 - 59479

**Salary Range:** Associate Education Consultant - \$84,350 - \$108,409\*  
Education Consultant - \$91,469 - \$116,854\*

**Closing Date:** January 21, 2014

\* New hires to state employment start at the minimum of the above salary range.

The Connecticut State Department of Education (CSDE) Academic Office is currently recruiting for an Education Consultant / Associate Education Consultant to spearhead CSDE efforts in the areas of Social Studies and Literacy in History/Social Studies. The selected candidate will serve in the Academic Office's Bureau of Standards, Curriculum, and Instruction. ***The selected candidate's credentials will determine the job classification.***

Under the leadership of Governor Dannel P. Malloy, Commissioner Stefan Pryor, and the Connecticut State Board of Education, the CSDE is engaged in an ambitious set of strategies to fulfill its goal that Connecticut students set a national standard for academic achievement and reduction in achievement gaps. The Academic Office leads the Department's work to improve instruction through support of local education agencies and schools' implementation of standards, curriculum, instruction, and assessments aligned to college- and career-readiness. Applicants for this position should be passionate about helping all students achieve at high levels and closing achievement gaps.

#### **GENERAL STATEMENT OF DUTIES:**

The Consultant will help improve instruction statewide by providing expertise and managing priority projects in the areas of Social Studies education and Common Core State Standards (CCSS) implementation. He/she will work closely with both CSDE colleagues and leaders and educators in Connecticut's school districts. He/she will engage in a range of activities to drive this work, including project management, consultation and professional development in instructional strategies, district assistance in curriculum development, and improving the alignment of resources to the updated standards.

#### **EXAMPLE OF DUTIES:**

- Manage and implement the activities of the key projects supporting the transition to revised social studies standards and CCSS;

- Align recommended Social Studies and Literacy and History and social studies curriculum resources to the College, Career, and Civic Life Framework (C3) and CCSS;
- Provide ongoing consultation to local education agencies (LEAs) in all components of an effective social studies program;
- Provide assistance with the transition to CCSS, including through professional development across the state, technical assistance, and monitoring of key professional learning and curriculum resource-alignment projects;
- Collaborate on social studies initiatives with other State Department of Education offices, such as the Talent and Turnaround Offices;
- Provide innovative professional development, including through webinars and other on-demand approaches, focused on the instructional shifts in English language arts and literacy inherent in the CCSS;
- Perform other duties and related special assignments as requested by Academic Office managers.

## **QUALIFICATIONS:**

### **Knowledge, Skill and Ability:**

Knowledge of philosophies, theories and strategies for social studies instruction and assessment. More specifically, knowledge of issues related to standards-driven instructional improvement initiatives, and literacy in history and social studies instruction. In addition, candidates should possess the ability to communicate and collaborate with teachers, principals, central office leaders, and other educational stakeholders; ability to design and deliver training to adult learners; and ability to prepare comprehensive reports, resource material and program support materials.

### **Minimum Experience and Training Required:**

***Education Consultant:*** An earned advanced degree and eight (8) years of relevant professional experience or in lieu thereof, an equivalent combination of experience and training as approved by the appointing authority.

***Associate Education Consultant:*** An earned advanced degree and five (5) years of relevant professional experience or in lieu thereof, an equivalent combination of experience and training as approved by the appointing authority.

### **Preferred Experience and Training:**

Experience in issues of standards-driven instructional improvement, including experience in closing achievement gaps and implementing CCSS. Experience in providing effective staff development and technical assistance for the development and implementation of social studies curriculum and instruction.

### **Application Procedure:**

Interested candidates should reference announcement #825, submit a letter of application and resume with details of experience and training, three (3) current professional references and an Application for Examination or Employment (CT-HR-12) which may be obtained from the Department of Education website at <http://www.sde.ct.gov> to: **Dr. Dianna Roberge-Wentzell, Chief Academic Officer, Academic Office, Department of Education, 165 Capitol Avenue, Room 223, Hartford, CT 06106. Telephone: (860) 713-6775.** All required documents must be submitted by close of business on the closing date to be considered for interview.

**Closing date for applications:** January 21, 2014

**Anticipated date for employment:** Immediate upon selection

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